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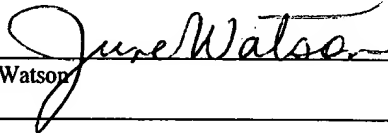
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Sir:


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- ☒ Response to Office Action
- ☒ Petition for One Month Extension of Time
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A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the one month extension fee. If the fee insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
MUTA et al., Applicants


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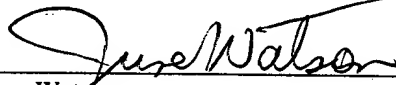
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

Remarks

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 3, 5 and 7.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claim 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 as unpatentable over JP 57-206614 in view of JP 61-260014. The Examiner suggests that the JP 57-206614 reference teaches a sheet-form adhesive preparation, and that the reference shows "continuous volatilization and dispersion of constant quantities of moisture, and therefore dissipates a corresponding quantity of heat of evaporation from the skin." According to the Examiner, the JP 57-206614 reference lacks a